

UT College of Medicine to hold commencement June 1

By Vicki L. Kroll

Dr. Darrell G. Kirch, president and chief executive officer of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), will deliver the UT College of Medicine commencement address Friday, June 1, at 2:30 p.m. in Stranahan Theater, 4645 Heatherdowns Blvd.

There are 184 candidates for doctor of medicine degrees, doctor of philosophy and master's degrees in biomedical sciences, MD/PhDs, and graduate certificates in pathology, contemporary gerontological practice, bioinformatics and proteomics/genomics.

Kirch began his tenure as AAMC president in 2006 and has been a member of its Executive Council since 2001. The nonprofit association based in Washington, D.C., represents 125 accredited U.S. and 17 accredited Canadian medical schools, nearly 400 teaching hospitals and health systems, and 94 academic and scientific societies. Through these institutions and organizations, the AAMC represents 109,000 faculty members, 67,000 medical students and 104,000 resident physicians.

He advocates for the return of the public good. In one of his monthly columns, he wrote, "Throughout our country's history,



Kirch

we repeatedly have declared some goods and services to be so essential that every citizen should have access to them. But today, three of our most vital public goods — higher education, scientific research and health care — are becoming subject to the whims of the marketplace and beyond the reach of many Americans. It is time to restore our nation's

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Photos by Daniel Miller

CELEBRATE: There were a lot of happy graduates during UT's recent commencement ceremonies, given the more than 2,900 candidates for degrees, including those who will finish classes in August, from the University's 10 colleges.

Main Campus Faculty Senate elects new officers, looks at possible merger with Health Science Campus Faculty Senate

By Vicki L. Kroll

Barbara Floyd, director of the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections, has been elected 2007-08 chair of the Main Campus Faculty Senate.

She said this could be a momentous time as faculty senates from the Main and Health Science campuses have voted in favor of a new constitution.

"Faculty on the Main Campus are currently voting on a constitution for a new faculty senate that will include representatives from the Health Science Campus," said Floyd, university archivist and professor of library administration. "If the constitution is approved, which I hope it is, this year will be one of transition as we move to merge the two senates. This is a historic moment

in our university's history, and I believe a merged faculty senate will provide for a strong, united voice for all faculty."

Voting on the draft constitution by Main Campus faculty will end May 18. A two-thirds majority is required for passage. The Health Science Campus Faculty Senate unanimously approved the draft May 7; faculty have until June 4 to vote on the constitution. (See story on p. 2.)

If approved by faculty on both campuses, the constitution would go to Jacobs for final consideration and submission to the Board of Trustees.

Floyd added, "The senate also looks forward to working with the new Main Campus provost [Dr. Rosemary Haggett] in

the coming year on issues of mutual concern."

Other elected officers of the Main Campus Faculty Senate are:

- Dr. Walter Olson, professor of mechanical, industrial and manufacturing engineering, vice chair;
- Dr. Alice Skeens, associate professor of psychology, executive secretary;
- Dr. Jamie Barlowe, professor and interim chair of women's and gender studies, member-at-large;
- Dr. Harvey Wolff, professor of mathematics, member-at-large;



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Arts and Sciences dean search continues to move forward

By Tobin J. Klinger

Even though her official start date is several weeks away, Dr. Rosemary Haggett is overseeing the final stages of the search for a permanent dean for the College of Arts and Sciences.

The incoming Main Campus provost and executive vice president for academic affairs accepted the position in March and was approved by the Board of Trustees April 16. Since that time, she has been working with the search committee and is now in the final stages of the decision-making process.

"This is a critical hire for The University of Toledo," Haggett said. "And despite the need to juggle schedules, we are moving quickly to make a decision. However, we also want to make the right decision, and that means we will be taking time for thoughtful deliberations during this final period."

Haggett, who will serve in her current position into June, will visit Toledo this month, at which time she plans to meet with two of the finalists for the deanship.

"I have asked two of the finalists to return to campus for some additional discussions with myself and other key leaders," Haggett said. "We have some great candidates for this role, and we are working hard to bring the search to a close."

Returning to campus for additional conversations are:

- Dr. Yueh-Ting (Y-T) Lee, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Minot State University, Minot, N.D.; and
- Dr. Marietta Morrissey, associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences at The University of Toledo.

"The four candidates forwarded to me by the search committee are still under consideration," Haggett said. "It just seemed to me that these additional discussions are best had here on campus for efficiency's sake."

Haggett hopes to make a selection and begin negotiations with a candidate by June 1.



CHECKUP: John VanRyden, Department of Surgery clinical simulation instructor, explained how a mannequin is used to test the clinical skills of students and health-care professionals to a group of students who toured the Health Science Campus last week as part of the sixth annual Latino Youth Conference. More than 600 Latino youth visited UT for a day of educational workshops.

Clean up your act!

Spring-cleaning comes to UT with Campus Cleanup 2007, an effort running on UT's Main Campus June 18 to 22.

Jeremy Sterling, UT manager of moving/recycling, explained the project as a weeklong effort to remove objects that detract from the visual beauty of campus. "It's a drive to get rid of as much clutter as possible," he said, noting that a similar event for the Health Science Campus could be held in the future.

The free removal service will be provided by the campus moving team for that week only, he said, adding, "Better yet, any

moving that takes place and has items going to either the trash, recycling or to the UT auction site is always free of charge — auxiliaries excluded — year-round."

Employees can put in a work order through the Moving/Recycling Web site at <http://utmoves.utoledo.edu/> or can call Judy Mausser at 419.530.1060. The department reserves the right to schedule all moves around other department activities. Sterling advises placing work orders soon to reduce the time constraints caused by multiple orders being submitted simultaneously.

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commitment to the public good."

Prior to joining the AAMC, Kirch was senior vice president for health affairs, dean of the College of Medicine and CEO of the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center at Pennsylvania State University for six years. From 1994 to 2000, he held several leadership positions — dean of the medical school, senior vice president for clinical activities and dean of the School of Graduate Studies — at the Medical College of Georgia. Kirch also was on faculty at George Washington University and worked at the National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, Md., where he was

named acting scientific director in 1993.

As a psychiatrist and clinical neuroscientist, Kirch is a leading expert on the biological basis of and treatments for severe neuropsychiatric disorders. He also is a noted authority on organization and management issues at academic medical centers.

The Denver native received bachelor of arts and doctor of medicine degrees from the University of Colorado. He is a member of the American College of Psychiatrists, the American Medical Association and the American Psychiatric Association.

Voting under way on Faculty Senate joint constitution

By Tobin J. Klinger

Coming on the heels of votes by the two existing faculty senates, the entire faculty of the Main and Health Science campuses are casting ballots on a new, joint constitution that would merge the two entities.

The Health Science Faculty Senate unanimously approved the document May 7, 32-0. The Main Campus Faculty Senate approved the draft April 24, 35-6.

Main Campus faculty have until May 18 to submit their paper ballot to the Faculty Senate Office in University Hall Room 3320. The ballots were sent out via campus mail along with the draft constitution prior to the end of the academic year.

The Health Science Campus faculty have until June 4. Ballots should be submitted to Beverly Debbe in the College of Medicine in the Mulford Library Building.

"I believe strongly that we have a

document that will take the senate to the next level of collaboration," said Dr. Carter Wilson, outgoing chair of the Main Campus Senate and professor of political science. Professor Barbara Floyd, director of the Canaday Center and university archivist, was elected as the new chair. "It is a constitution of compromise that will serve us well moving forward as a merged institution."

"I'm really proud of the work that has gone into the creation of this constitution," said Dr. Lawrence Elmer, outgoing chair of the Health Science Campus Senate, associate professor and medical director of the Center for Neurological Disorders. "It is the product of discussion, debate, deliberation and now endorsement by senators across both campuses."

Copies of the constitution are available by calling the Main Campus Faculty Senate Office at 419.530.2112.

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• Dr. Nick Piazza, professor of counselor education and school psychology, Board of Trustees representative; and

• Dr. Sharon Barnes, assistant professor of interdisciplinary studies, alternate Board of Trustees representative.

National Compliance Week serves as reminder to UT employees

By Jon Strunk

“Essentially, it all boils down to doing the right thing.”

That’s the way Lynn Hutt describes compliance at the University. While she’s the first to admit that talk of compliance doesn’t always cause people’s ears to perk up, knowing and following applicable rules and regulations is a critical job function of everyone working at UT, said Hutt, the University’s compliance and privacy officer.

“Compliance is so central to so many of the operations this University is involved with every day,” she said. With so many areas with different government and other external agency guidelines to follow — from research to athletics, to purchasing and budget regulations, to student and health-care privacy laws — Hutt said it can be easy to become lax.

Highlighting a week of events as UT recognizes National Compliance Week May 20-26 will be Marti Arvin, privacy officer at the University of Louisville, who will discuss the importance of compliance across the spectrum of university operations. Arvin will speak Thursday, May 24, in the Student Union Auditorium from noon to 1 p.m. on the Main Campus and in Health Education Building Room 100 from 6 to 7 p.m. on the Health Science Campus. A free light meal will be provided 30 minutes before each presentation.

Additionally, the Compliance Office will host tables around UT where employees can enter a raffle for prizes, including two iPods, and will introduce cartoon compliance guru Captain Integrity, who will provide tips and advice. Visit <http://www.utoledo.edu/offices/compliance> for additional compliance information.

One of the key goals of the week is to

help educate employees where they should go to receive guidance about the rules and regulations for which they are responsible.

“With a University this size, we need everyone to take ownership of their compliance responsibilities; to learn and keep up to date with regulations that apply to them,” Hutt said. “Hopefully, National Compliance Week will help the UT community identify people and resources they can go to when they have compliance questions.”

The online search tool Mediregs is one such resource. Obtained primarily as a comprehensive, online health-care regulations and reimbursement software package, Mediregs also can search and organize the federal, state and local rules and regulations covering the spectrum of compliance issues.

Any UT employee can gain access by visiting <http://utoledo.mediregs.com> and completing the registration form. A password to access the site will be sent via e-mail.

UT also provides employees Ethics-Point, a toll-free compliance number to call if they have questions as to whether guidelines are being appropriately followed, either by themselves or by others. The number is 888.416.1308.

“The key to compliance is accumulating adequate knowledge upfront to avoid the potentially gray compliance situations, regulation violations and conflicts of interest,” Hutt said, adding that she hoped the campus community would take advantage of the compliance posters and other educational materials her office is providing for National Compliance Week and thereafter.

“Often compliance isn’t the first thing on your mind until there’s a problem. We want to change that dynamic,” she said.

Radiation safety team working to build relationships with researchers

By Tobin J. Klinger

The University prides itself on its research activity. Whether it’s a lab on the Health Science Campus or Main Campus, faculty, staff and students are working to further the research mission of the institution. However, there is sometimes a product used in these efforts that must be dealt with: radioactive materials and its waste.

“As much as we are committed to research, we are equally committed to maintaining a safe campus environment through our radiation safety program,” said Dr. Doug Wilkerson, vice president for research administration. “We have some tremendous work being performed in our laboratories, and it’s imperative that we keep that moving without risk.”

Two individuals are tasked with maintaining that safety: Eddie Brentlinger, radiation safety officer, and Bobbi Miller, radiation coordinator. They are responsible for compliance for 65 labs across UT, working collaboratively with researchers to ensure paperwork is up-to-date, signage is posted properly, and waste is removed regularly.

“We’ve had marked success at the former Medical University of Ohio,” Brentlinger said. “Now we’re reinvigorating the effort on the Main Campus, working to engage faculty in the compliance effort.”

Brentlinger brings some 30 years experience to the endeavor, and Miller spent 25 years at MUO previously. She was brought on as a part-time employee recently to help

spearhead the project.

“When we enter a lab, we’re looking to partner with the researchers to see how we can streamline the process and go beyond ‘complete compliance’ and become a model for excellence in radiation safety,” Miller said. “I think we can get there.”

Beyond radioactive materials being used, there are pieces of equipment that generate radiation, including X-ray machines, accelerators, X-ray diffractors and spectrometers. The radiation safety group is responsible for making sure these devices are installed properly, registered with the state, and properly used and maintained.

“We are involved in commissioning the labs and working with the researchers to install signage, obtain proper containers, and provide training on radiation safety procedures,” Brentlinger said. “Right now, our primary focus is on getting to know our faculty and their teams so we can develop quality working relationships.”

There are separate licenses, contracts and oversight committees for the Health Science Campus and Main Campus. Brentlinger envisions a time when those will be merged, bringing about cost savings and efficiencies.

“In the next year to 18 months, we’ll be looking to further streamline our approach to radiation safety and compliance,” Brentlinger said.

“This isn’t just about compliance,” Miller added. “This is about being the best.”

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SPRING SHOT: A sparrow sat in a budding crabapple tree in Centennial Mall on Main Campus.



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SHARING A LAUGH: Dr. Benjamin Koo, professor emeritus of civil engineering, chatted with Pat Besner at her recent retirement reception. Besner started her career at UT in 1974 as assistant director of intramurals, recreation and sports clubs in the Division of Student Affairs and was promoted to director in 1981. Nine years later she was named senior director of the Office of Recreation. Besner also recently served as interim dean of students for about one year. She said she'll miss her work family, but will be busy. "I plan to volunteer with the Toledo Metroparks, Audubon Society and adult literacy project," she said. "I plan to get and keep a regular exercise program, have outdoor adventures and take up photography again, travel to visit friends across the country, learn to water paint, and stay up all night and read if I feel like it!"

UT employees may schedule graduate photos

UT faculty and staff or members of their families who will graduate from the University in May or June can contact the University Communications Office if they wish to have a photo taken and published

in UT News.

Call Joanne Gray at 419.530.2675 to schedule an appointment by Friday, May 25. Photos will appear in an upcoming issue of the paper.

In memoriam

Helga E. Hartman, Toledo, who worked for 30 years as a medical technologist at the former MCO/MUO, died April 20 at age 81.

Walter A. Martishius, Tiffin, Ohio, an adviser in Student Services on the Scott Park Campus from 1990 to 1994 and from 1996 to 1997, died April 26 at age 75. He received bachelor's and master's degrees in education from UT in 1958 and 1960, respectively, and was a member of the University Varsity T Club.

Henry A. Page Jr., Sylvania, who served as director of development at the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo Foundation from 1975 to 1991 and headed the hospital capital campaign, died April 26 at age 91.

Frank J. Voss, Ottawa Hills, who served on the Medical College of Ohio Foundation Board of Trustees from 1986 to 1994 and afterward as an honorary trustee, died May 6 at age 84. He also served on the MCO President's Council in 2000.

Students First Employees of Year take home \$1,500 prizes

By Matt Lockwood

Since the Students First Award was launched in November, 56 employees have been nominated for the honor given for exemplifying student centeredness. Two of those employees recently walked away with checks for \$1,500 after being named Students First Employees of the Year.

Dr. Andy Jorgensen, associate professor of chemistry, and Joe Sawasky, chief information officer and associate vice president for information technology, were the unanimous winners as chosen by a committee from the President's

Commission on Student Centeredness.

As director of general chemistry, Jorgensen was nominated for his hard work to ensure students succeed in the academically challenging subject. After discovering Chemistry 1230 was becoming a "make or break" class for students interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) majors, he devised a one-hour supplemental course, Problem-Solving in General Chemistry 1200, for students needing assistance. The result has been improved retention rates and grades.

"This role provides me with an important purpose that I know can have real dividends for the student," Jorgensen said. "If I didn't want to do this for students, I am in the wrong position. The old maxim applies — a job worth doing is worth doing right."

Sawasky was nominated by several people for his leadership in making Information Technology a fully student-centered

operation. He has led the development of UT's Information Commons, the new UT Web portal, and the proposed project to make UT a wireless campus, all in order to "make student life and the learning experience better," as one nominator wrote.



Photo by Daniel Miller

THANK YOU: President Lloyd Jacobs congratulated Joe Sawasky, center; and Dr. Andy Jorgensen.

After receiving his award, Sawasky said, "For Information Technology, being student-centered can be distilled down to a very simple practice: asking ourselves prior to beginning any project 'How will this work positively impact our students' University experience?'"

President Lloyd A. Jacobs presented Jorgensen and Sawasky with their awards at a reception held to recognize everyone who was nominated or nominated someone for the Students First Award.

Jacobs thanked the nominees for living the institution's values.

"This is not just an idle nomination," Jacobs said. "It is the highest kind of award when you are nominated by students or your colleagues."

To nominate someone for a Students First Award, and for a complete list of this year's nominees and winners, visit utoledo.edu/commissions/studentcenteredness.



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